

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on April 7, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 27, 4/6/2017

Executive Action: Do Pass: SJ 27
Tied: HB 653

00:00:41 Chair Buttrey

HEARING ON SJ 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:59 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SJ 27. Study Montana's workers' compensation insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:06 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:02:36 Eric Strauss, administrator, Employee Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:01 Sen. Facey
00:03:34 Mr. Strauss, DLI
00:04:38 Sen. Facey
00:04:40 Sen. Vance
00:05:53 Sen. Facey
00:06:10 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division
00:06:46 Chair Buttrey

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:04 Jon Metropoulos, Victory Insurance Company
00:07:45 Don Judge, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

Note: Additional proponents' testimony was allowed for late comers.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:20 Sen. Connell
00:10:20 Sen. Vance
00:10:27 Chair Buttrey
00:10:29 Mr. Walker, LSD
00:11:28 Sen. Facey

00:10:41 Sen. Vuckovich entered the meeting.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:33 Sen. Vance

00:12:35 Chair Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 27

00:13:43 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SJ 27 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:13:54 Sen. Facey

00:14:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Fitzpatrick was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 653

00:14:57 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 653 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:15:17 Sen. Facey

00:16:06 Sen. Brown

00:16:16 Sen. Facey

00:16:44 Sen. Connell

00:18:26 Sen. Brown

00:19:09 Sen. Facey

00:19:18 Chair Buttrey

00:20:01 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown, Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Salomon and Sen. Vance voting aye. Sen. Fitzgerald voted by proxy.

Discussion:

00:20:51 Sen. Facey

00:20:56 Chair Buttrey

00:20:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 653 BE TABLED.** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Connell, Sen. Facey, Sen. Small and Sen. Vuckovich voting aye. Sen. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy.

00:22:01 Chair Buttrey

00:22:31 Sen. Facey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:24 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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